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Part III.

In the first two sections of this serial, we have looked into the sundry aspects of Tom Comella's "Saucer philosophy". In this third and temporarily concluding section, we deal with a disclosed case, on which Comella bases much of his "Proof" --- that of individual UFO sightings that supposedly disclose evidence of his theory. The case in point is that of Jeff Lund, as reported in the April, 1964 issue of Palmer's Flying Saucers.

Comella considers this a very important case, mainly because as he points out "What this and other experiences confront us with is a phenomenon capable of transforming itself into several different forms. This kind of evidence prompts us to ask how many of the so-called 'good UFO cases' involved a similar phenomenon under conditions which did not trigger the metamorphosis Jeff encountered?"

The Jeff Lund case, as is given in detail in that particular issue, bases around a March, 1959 sighting, which had every appearance of being a physical, tangible craft, but upon very close examination by Lund, turned out to be a psychic projection, with various mixed phenomena. Comella hints that this is the case --- or, that it must be the case, under the conditions of his theory --- in the other reports of "UFO aircraft". Let us now proceed to compare some other cases of "Craft" as to that of Jeff Lund.

In June, 1951, Mr. Thomas P. Weyer had accidently discovered a "Hub-cap" laying in the grass. He picked it up to examine it, and noted that this "Hub-cap" was convex on both sides, and was genuinely a "Small disc", approximately 15" in diameter and 6" thick at center, perfectly symmetrical with tapered edges. It had the appearance of "Polished chrome". It was warm to the touch, probably from sunlight. There were no openings or markings. And the "Disc" was very light, as if made from aluminium. He then set it down, and thinking to himself, turned away. Instantly, he heard a "Whoosh" and turned to see the object rising rapidly away. In a matter of seconds it was lost from sight in the sky. Weyer's description fits perfectly that of Lt. David C. Brigham, who--on March 27, 1952--sighted an almost identical object.

In the September, 1964 issue of APRO's Bulletin, in a C.W. Fitch Commentary, is an account of a Mr. R.B., a Philadelphia radio moderator and UFO investigator, who was shown a "Landed Disc" in June, 1963. R.B. apparently seems to be "Bob Berry", a person whom I corresponded with several years ago, and who some other investigators also know.

R.B. located the lady, on who's property the UFO was reported to have fallen, and was granted permission to see the disc in her garage. The object was round and saucer-shaped, grayish-white in color and approximately 3 feet in diameter. The lady would not release it for analysis, and upon a second visit, R.B. was told that it had been "Thrown away". Neither person could give belief to the lady's "Answer". And it probably ended up as the property of the Air Force: The "Hardware" they claim they never have.

In October, 1959, Mark George Muza, Jr., Poquoson, Virginia, had encountered a UFO which was aimed directly at him. At first he thought it was a flock of birds, but upon looking, it shocked him to see a "Disc, 4 feet in diameter, black body, encircled by a silver rim about six inches wide" gently descending for him. He immediately fired a load of No. 4 shot at it, and heard "The ring of metal striking metal". 55 more feet up, the object stopped in time to receive his second shot of "Maximum 4's". For the final shot, Muza used a "Steel bearing", and "Heard the clear hit of the slug". The UFO then disappeared.

Here are three cases, which typify several of the same calibre, and don't ring true nor toe the line as Comella's "Philosophy" dictates. First, in the Lund case, no lie-detection, truth serum, etc., was in use, and so (as it is in most general UFO cases) Comella has to rely on the supposed integrity of the person. Lund, in his sighting, has

nothing over the other UFO witnesses in question, that would make his testimony more suitable, outside of some personal preference, which wouldn't be objective.

About the time that Jeff had "Penetrated the outer extremity of the hemispherical volume of pulsating gas" (of the UFO), Mr. Thomas P. Weyer had "Picked up" his "Disc" and then "Examined" it. Where as, R.B. located the witness, and "Found" the saucer laying in the garage after the night of the noted "Fall". Further, Muza fired at his "Disc" several times, hearing the "Ring of metal striking metal", where as, Lund "Was greatly disturbed and puzzled that there was no structure what-so-ever to the phenomenon."

This is not a blanket denial that --- as "Popular science" and the majority of average citizen's insist --- "Psychic phenomena" doesn't exist. Neither is it a denial that the UFO phenomena may not be included in some psychic encounters; as it would be included in every part of life. The exact degree that it is, doesn't fit into Comella's philosophy, and there appears to be several major inconsistencies, despite Comella's smugness.

As Curtis Fuller points out: "The day must come surely, we believe when apparitions will be fitted into the general framework of (scientific) knowledge, although one must confess there is not much evidence of progress in this direction." "Maybe all the mysteries can and will be solved, or maybe some are incomprehensible to humans and never can be fully explained. Certainly some are so difficult we don't even know how to go about trying to find the answers to them." Curtis Fuller is a noted parapsychologist and Editor of FATE magazine.

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